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SUBJ: CSCE: SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY;  
NEUTRAL DRAFT

REF: GENEVA 1873

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION OF PARAS 22 AND 24 OF  
HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS AND REVISED NEUTRAL DRAFT  
(TEXT GENEVA 1712), SUBCOMMITTEE FAILED TO REACH CON-  
SENSUS ON MARCH 27 TO REGISTER PROVISIONALLY EVEN FIRST  
SENTENCE OF REVISED NEUTRAL DRAFT. FRENCH DEL OPENED  
DISCUSSION BY ARGUING THAT PARAS 22 AND 24 ASSIGNED NO  
PARTICULAR TASK TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND THAT HIS DELEGATION  
WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THE ENTIRE PRO-  
POSAL. SOVIETS INTRODUCED NEW FORMULATION FOR  
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REFERENCE IN OPENING SENTENCE TO ARMS LIMITATION AND

MALTESE AGAIN INTERJECTED MEDITERRANEAN QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH TOOK LEAD IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON MARCH 27 DISCUSSION OF PARAS 22 AND 24 AND NEUTRALS DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. FRENCH DEL SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE HIS POSITION ON ANY TEXT PROPOSED, THUS PUTTING IT ENTIRELY WITHIN BRACKETS. HE ARGUED THAT NO RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER PARAS 22 AND 24 WERE CALLED FOR AND THAT EACH PARTICIPATING STATE SHOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN SECURITY INTERESTS. HE INSISTED DEBATE ON THESE MATTERS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND SUBCOMMITTEE HAD PAID DUE ATTENTION. THERE WERE NO LINKS BETWEEN PARAS 22 AND 24 TO THE REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CBM'S.

3. HAVING NOTED THE FRENCH RESERVATION OVER THE ENTIRE EXERCISE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEEDED TO REVIEW NEUTRAL TEXT BUT FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ITS PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION. MAIN STICKING POINT CENTERED ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO CHANGE QUOTE ARMS LIMITATION UNQUOTE, IN OPENING SENTENCE, TO QUOTE CESSATION OF ARMS RACE UNQUOTE. SEVERAL ALLIED DELEGATIONS TOOK POSITION THAT THIS WAS ENTIRELY NEW FORMULATION AND LANGUAGE FOREIGN TO CSCE DISCUSSION. NORWEGIAN FRG AND NETHERLANDS, IN PARTICULAR, FEARED THERE MIGHT BE SOME SPECIAL IMPLICATION IN SOVIET PROPOSAL WHICH REQUIRED CAREFUL THOUGHT.

4. MALTA INTRODUCED MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY QUESTION BY PROPOSING THAT REFERENCE TO EUROPE IN THE FIRST SENTENCE BE EXPANDED BY THE WORDS QUOTE AND ITS ADJACENT REGIONS UNQUOTE. SOVIETS AND FRG OPPOSED MALTESE PROPOSAL.

5. COMMENT: DEBATE ON NEUTRAL DRAFT WILL BE LONG AND INTENSE AND SUBCOMMITTEE SCHEDULE MAY BE REVISED TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS. NATO CAUCUS WILL MEET AGAIN ON DRAFT ON MARCH 29 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THEN WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. END COMMENT.

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